

Service Date: December 17, 2003

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF BLACKFOOT)	UTILITY DIVISION
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.,)	
Application for Telephone Extended)	DOCKET NO. D2003.1.8
Area Service Between Exchanges)	ORDER NO. 6502a
and Missoula and Helena Regions)	

PROTECTIVE ORDER

On October 22, 2003, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (BFT), filed a Motion to Amend Protective Order (PSC Order No. 6502, August 18, 2003) to include additional information expected to be filed in the above-entitled proceeding. BFT requests protection of information (data) relating to projected forgone carrier access, message toll service, foreign exchange, and other revenues, along with customer information and service offering details. BFT argues that the identified information is trade secret in accordance with § 30-14-402, MCA, and uncontrolled public disclosure would allow competitors to target high volume traffic.

The Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) determines BFT has shown good and sufficient cause in fact and law that the additional information for which protection is requested is entitled to protection from uncontrolled public disclosure pursuant to § 69-3-105, MCA. The PSC grants BFT's request and hereby orders that information submitted in accordance with this Order be treated as "confidential information" under the terms of this Order, existing Order No. 6502, and PSC protective order rules, ARM 38.2.5001 through 38.2.5030.

Done and dated this 9th day of December, 2003, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice-Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: There is no reconsideration of the granting of a protective order. There is a procedure to challenge the provider's claim of confidentiality. See ARM 38.2.5008.

Montana Public Service Commission
Protective Orders and Protection of Confidential Information

Nondisclosure Agreement

(7-26-00)
ARM 38.2.5012

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I understand that in my capacity as counsel or expert witness for a party to this proceeding before the commission, or as a person otherwise lawfully so entitled, I may be called upon to access, review, and analyze information which is protected as confidential information. I have reviewed ARM 38.2.5001 through 38.2.5030 (commission rules applicable to protection of confidential information) and protective orders governing the protected information that I am entitled to receive. I fully understand, and agree to comply with and be bound by, the terms and conditions thereof. I will neither use nor disclose confidential information except for lawful purposes in accordance with the governing protective order and ARM 38.2.5001 through 38.2.5030 so long as such information remains protected.

I understand that this nondisclosure agreement may be copied and distributed to any person having an interest in it and that it may be retained at the offices of the provider, commission, consumer counsel, any party and may be further and freely distributed.

Typed or Printed Name

Signature

Date of Signature

Business Address:

Employer

Party Represented